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1. France - Western Europe: The French are throwing out numerous hints of drastic actions they will take if the West Germans do not knuckle under on the EEC grain price question. Couve is to raise this question again at the Council of Ministers' meeting in Brussels on the 11th.

There are also abundant rumors of actions the French plan to take against the Kennedy Round, NATO, and the MLF, which De Gaulle seems to have concluded might actually come into being.



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The US Embassy in Paris thinks that De Gaulle's popular support is basically solid, and that there would be no domestic backlash against him if he pulled out of the Common Market or even NATO.

2. Congo: The rebel military position is crumbling. A mercenary force under Van Der Walle recaptured Kindu on Thursday, opening the way to Stanleyville.

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Van Der Walle has asked for US help in airlifting trucks to speed the advance on Stanleyville.

In Stanleyville, rebel "president" Gbenye has issued another communiqué regarding his American and Belgian hostages, declaring them to be prisoners of war. It is by no means certain what he thinks he means by this, although he apparently intends to talk with the OAU about their release.

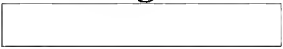
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3. Mali - Communist China: The Chinese Communists are apparently making their first shipment of military equipment to Mali.

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Keita has just ended a 40-day visit to Asian Communist countries. In Peiping on 4 November he signed a joint communiqué endorsing a wide range of Chinese propaganda positions. 

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4. Indonesia-Malaysia:



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5. South Vietnam: Premier Huong's fledgling government is already running into trouble.

Buddhist and Catholic students are threatening to demonstrate this weekend over Huong's policy of separating politics and religion. They have been encouraged by moderate Buddhist leader Thich Tam Chau.

The recently resigned Chairman of the High National Council has added his critical voice to those of the students. Chau claims Huong's government is not representative of South Vietnam's political factions.

Huong says he will deal sternly with any demonstrations. Military leaders have said previously that they would give him their full support.

We are not certain that this still holds if strong civilian opposition develops.

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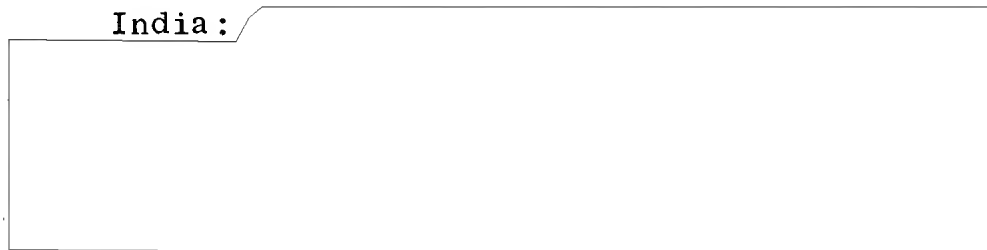
6. Bolivia: Barrientos and a military cabinet are in charge, but their chances for a long tenure appear slim.

Barrientos currently has widespread public and military support, and the situation is stabilizing for the present. Opposition is certain to develop, however, and a power struggle within the ruling group cannot be ruled out.

The officers in the military cabinet are better than average, but have no experience in political affairs.

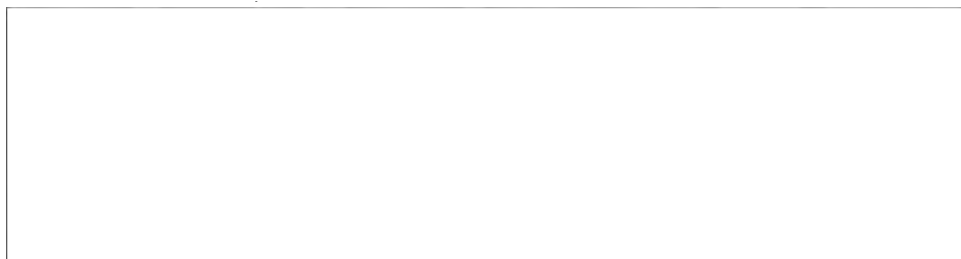
Lechin has given his public approval of the present set up and has asked his followers to accept the situation. We suspect this is only a tactical move. The chances for leftist gains in the new government have by no means been eliminated.

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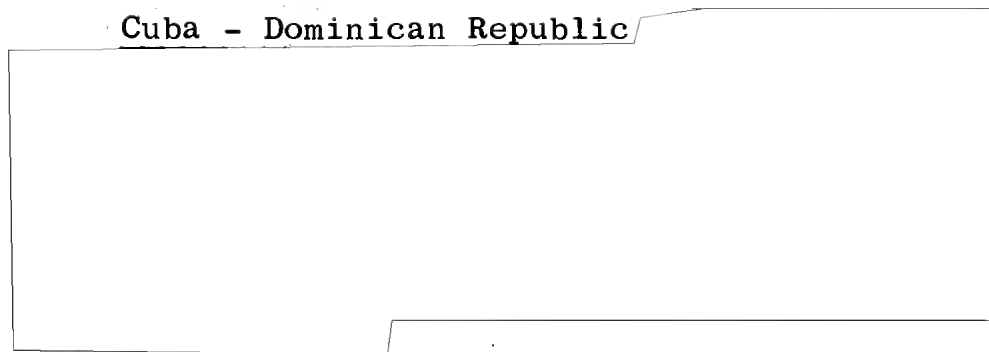
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8. Cuba - Dominican Republic

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9. Laos: The Pathet Lao are beginning to show stiffer resistance to rightist military initiatives.

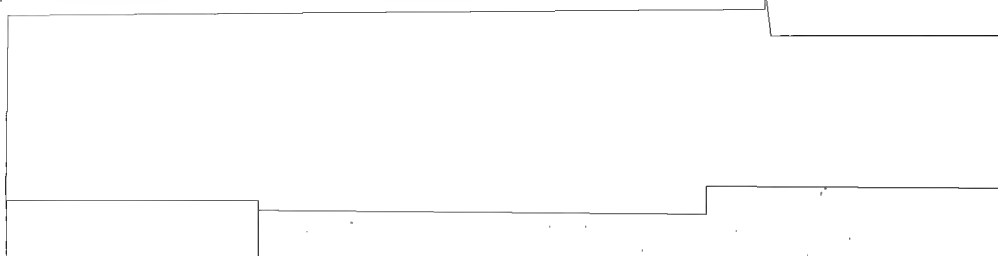
South of Xieng Khouang Town, reinforced Communist forces have stalled a government advance northward from positions at Tha Thom and Ban Ta Viang.

Farther south, right-wing forces east of Savannakhet have been turned back in their efforts to clear the Pathet Lao from the Ban Nong Boua Lao area.

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10. Yemen: The royalists and republicans have agreed on a ceasefire to begin on 8 November. Another meeting on 23 November will open what will probably be difficult and prolonged negotiations on a political settlement.

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11. Venezuela-Cuba: FALN guerrilla activity may be picking up again, despite recent government successes.

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